(c) what steps are being taken to dispose of the pending cases of freedom fighters from that State?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) to (c) Under the Freedom Fighters' Pension Scheme 1972 now renamed as Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme, 1980 a total of 11,542 applications have been received from Tamil Nadu. So far pension has been sanctioned to 3823 freedom fighters and the dependents of the deceased freedom fighters. 7687 applications have been rejected for various reason, which includes 156 cases which have been reopened on receipt of representations and have been referred back to the State Government for re-verification and report in the light of additional evidence furnished by applicants. In respect of 32 applications the verification reports of the Government of Tamil Nadu are yet to be received. These applications, which are exclusive of INA cases from Tamil Nadu, are pending for more than 3 years as the last date for submission of applications under the Swatantrata Sainik Samman Pension Scheme was 31st March, 1982. Category-wise records of the applications are not maintained.

The Government have taken the following steps for speedy disposal of applications for Samman Pension:—

1. On request from the Ministry of Home Affairs, most of the State Govts./UT Administrations have set up special cells exclusively to deal with applications of freedom fighters under the supervision of senior officers.

2. The Government have also set up a Non-Official Advisory Committee at the Central level to consider the important policy issues.

3. On the advice of the Ministry of Home Affairs various State Governments/U.T. Administrations have formed State/District level Committees.

मध्य प्रदेश में ईसाई मिशनरियों को दिए गए निष्कासन आदेशों का वापस लिया जाना ।

†450. **श्री प्यारेलाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश सरकार ने उन निष्कासन आदेशों को हाल में वापस ले लिया है जो कुछ ईसाई मिशनरियों को राज्य से निष्कासित किये जाने के लिये जारी किये गये थे; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो किन कारणों से निष्कासने आदेश जारी किये गये थे और बाद में उन आदेशों को वापस लेने के क्या कारण हैं?

गृह मंत्री (श्री एस० बी० चव्हाण) : (क) और (ख) मध्य प्रदेश सरकार से कुछ विदेशी मिशनरियों के प्रति प्रतिकूल रिपोर्ट प्राप्त होने पर मध्य प्रदेश में उनके आगे ठहरने के समय में वृद्धि करना मना कर दिया गया था। कुछ अभ्यावेदन प्राप्त होने पर, मध्य प्रदेश सरकार मामले की और जांच करना चाहती है और इसके लिए उन्होंने 6 महीने की अवधि की मांग की है। भारत सरकार ने मध्य प्रदेश सरकार के अनुरोध को स्वीकार कर लिया है।

Freedom Fighters' Pensions

*451. SHRI M. S. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications for freedom fighters' pension cleared by the State Governments are pending with the Central Government for over two years; and

(b) what is the number of applications for pension from those freedom fighters who had gone underground which were received and dispose of till date?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. B. CHAVAN): (a) No applications, where the varification reports of the State Govern-